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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Takeya SAKAI, Masao UETSUKI and Nobuhiro KAWATSUKI  
RETARDATION FILM AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
Assignee: HAYASHI TELEMPU CO., LTD  
Our Ref: Q79874

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/026,432 (Confirmation No. 1557) filed December 27, 2001 of SAKAI, Masao UETSUKI and Nobuhiro KAWATSUKI entitled RETARDATION FILM AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 10 sheets (Figs. 1-22) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1712.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/026,432 filed December 27, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-400356	December 28, 2000
Japan	2001-196012	June 28, 2001
Japan	2001-196013	June 28, 2001
Japan	2001-271879	September 7, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/026,432.



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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION  
Divisional Application of 10/026,432  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. Q79874

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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